



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

COLONEL RAYMOND A. SMITH, JR.

Col Raymond A. Smith, Jr., is the Commander, 932d Operations Group, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. He is responsible for providing first-class, worldwide, safe and reliable airlift for our nation's senior political and military leaders and their staffs; a first-rate global aeromedical evacuation capability from combat areas of responsibility; and weather support to the geographic Combatant Commanders ensuring effective, efficient and safe regional and global operations.

Col Smith is a graduate of Northern Kentucky University and entered active duty through the United States Army Warrant Officer Flight Training program. He graduated from rotary wing pilot training at Fort Rucker, Ala., and was assigned to Fort Campbell, Ky., as an UH-60A medical evacuation "DUSTOFF" pilot. In 1993, he was awarded a direct commission to lieutenant and reassigned to the 236th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Landstuhl, Germany, where the colonel performed as a flight commander. After his deployment to Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1996, he was awarded an interservice transfer to the United States Air Force and served as an HH-60G combat search and rescue pilot stationed at Moody Air Force Base, Ga., and Patrick AFB, Fla. Colonel Smith began fixed-wing qualification in 2004 and has served the strategic airlift community since 2005. His duties have included group commander, operations officer, chief of safety, scheduling, tactics, training and mobility. He also served as the assistant director of operations and plans officer for an operational support squadron.



Col Smith has flown more than 5,500 hours in the H-60, C-5, C-17 and C-40, and held instructor ratings in helicopters and fixed wing. He has been the rescue flight lead for manned/unmanned space flight support missions and deployed eight times to support combat/humanitarian missions across the globe. He has supported Operations JOINT ENDEAVOR, SOUTHERN WATCH, NORTHERN WATCH, ATLAS RESPONSE, IRAQI FREEDOM, ENDURING FREEDOM, INHERENT RESOLVE and FREEDOM SENTINEL.

EDUCATION

1987 Bachelor of Science, Management, Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights.
1990 Warrant Officer Candidate School & Flight Training, Fort Rucker, Ala.
1998 Aviation Mishap Investigation Course, Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M.
2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2004 Fixed Wing Qualification Course, Vance AFB, Okla.
2008 Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Ala., by correspondence.
2014 Air War College, Maxwell AFB, Ala. by correspondence, Maxwell AFB, Ala.
2016 Masters of Science, Homeland Security, University of Management and Technology, Arlington, Va.
2016 Safety and Accident Investigation Board President Course, Kirtland AFB, N.M.

2016 Reserve Component National Security Course, National Defense University, Fort Lesley J McNair, Washington, D.C.

ASSIGNMENTS

1. April 1990–October 1991, Student, Warrant Officer Flight Training program, Fort Rucker, Ala.
2. October 1991–January 1992, Student, UH-60 Advanced Qualification Training, Fort Rucker, Ala.
3. January 1992–September 1993, UH-60 DUSTOFF Pilot, 50th Medical Company (AA), Fort Campbell, Ky.
4. September 1993–January 1994, Student, Army Medical Department Officer Basic Course, Fort Sam Houston, Texas
5. January 1994–December 1996, UH-60 Medical Evacuation Platoon Leader, 236th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), Landstuhl, Germany (December 1995 – September 1996, Deployed Area Support Team Leader, Tuzla, Bosnia and Herzegovina)
6. January 1997–March 1998, HH-60G Combat Rescue Pilot, 41st Rescue Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
7. March 1998–December 2000, Chief of Safety/HH-60G Pilot, 41st RS, Moody Air Force Base, Ga.
8. December 2000–February 2004, Instructor/Chief of Scheduling, Training and Mobility, 301st Rescue Squadron, Patrick AFB, Fla.
9. February 2004–March 2005, Student, T-37/T-1 Fixed-Wing Qualification Training, Vance AFB, Okla.
10. April 2005–June 2010, Chief of Scheduling/C-5 Mobility Aircraft Commander, 337th Airlift Squadron, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.
11. June 2010–August 2011, Group Plans Officer, 439th Operational Support Squadron, Westover ARB, Mass.
12. August 2011–December 2012, C-5 Instructor/Assistant Director Operations, 439th Operational Support Squadron, Westover ARB, Mass.
13. January 2013–May 2013, Student, C-17 Aircraft Commander Initial Qualification Course, Altus AFB, Okla.
14. May 2013–May 2016, Director of Operations, 89th Airlift Squadron, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio
15. May 2016–Present, Commander, 932d Operations Group, Scott AFB, Ill.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: command pilot

Flight Hours: more than 5,500

Aircraft flown: UH-1, OH-58, UH-60, HH-60G, T-37, T-1, C-5, C-17, and C-40C

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Medal with oak leaf cluster

Aerial Achievement Medal with three oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Army Achievement Medal with two oak leaf clusters

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Warrant Officer One Oct. 30, 1991

Second Lieutenant Sept. 1, 1993

First Lieutenant Sept. 1, 1995

Captain Sept. 1, 1997

Major March 25, 2003

Lieutenant Colonel March 25, 2010

Colonel June 1, 2017

(Current as of September 2017)